

REMARKS

In the subject Final Office action, claims 63-78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being fully anticipated by Duwaer et al (USP 5,959,627). In response, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections.

Before setting forth Applicants reasons for traversal, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth above for claims 63 and 71 to correct a couple of previously undetected informalities. The amendments do not introduce any new matters, nor require new searches, as the same relationship between the two recited display operations was recited in claim 67.

Independent claim 63 recites:

displaying on a display of the electronic device, a column having n rows of track names corresponding to n audio content files of a genre, wherein n is an integer; and
displaying on a display of the electronic device, either
a column having n rows of artist names corresponding to the n rows of track names, or
a column having n rows of album names corresponding to the n rows of track names.

Accordingly, claim 63 recites the display of a column having the same n number of rows of either artist or album names corresponding to the n rows of track names of the track name column.

In rejecting claim 63, the Examiner asserted that Duwaer's element Track[159] (Fig. 4) anticipated the recitation of "displaying ... a column having n rows of track names corresponding to n audio content files of a genre ...", and Duwaer's element 72 (Fig. 5) anticipated the recitation of "displaying ... either a column having n rows of artist names corresponding to the n rows of track names, or a column having n rows of album names corresponding to the n rows of track names".

Duwaer's element Track[159] of Fig 4 is illustrated as showing:

1 Grote Liefde

1 Miljoen Vlinder

A Hard Day's Ni(ght)

Duwaer, unlike the applicants claimed invention, does not disclose having a column of track names of a genre, but rather discloses a column of track names having multiple genres.

Even if we are to ignore Duwaer does not disclose a column having track names of a genre, Duwaer's element 72 of Fig 5 is illustrated as showing:

Can you feel it – The Jacksons (Dance Classics Gold III)

All Night Long – Lionel Richie (Can't Slow Down)

Yesterday – The Beatles (The Beatles/ 1962-1966)

Therefore, Duwaer does not show a column of equal number of artist or album names corresponding to the track names of element Track[159] of Fig 4.

As specified in column 4, lines 10-50 of Duwaer, this is a column of the selected items only; and element 72 is employed to display "the most striking part of the title" (column 4, lines 40-41).

Thus Duwaer does not anticipate a method of managing metadata of audio content that includes displaying (for a user) a column of track names of a genre, and further qualifying (for the user) the display of the column with either a column of equal number of rows of artists or a column of equal number of rows of album names corresponding to the displayed column of track names."

Therefore, claim 63 is patentable over Duwaer under 35 USC 102.

Claims 67 and 71 contain recitations having similar "corresponding" relationships as earlier described with respect to claim 63. Thus, for at least the same reasons, claims 67 and 71 are patentable over Duwaer and are not anticipated under sec 102.

Claims 64-66, 68-70 and 72-74 depend from claims 63, 67 and 71 respectively, correspondingly incorporating their limitations. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 64-66, 68-70 and 72-74 are patentable over Duwaer under sec 102.

Similarly, claims 75, 76 and 77 depend from claims 63, 67 and 71 respectively, correspondingly incorporating their limitations. Accordingly, for at least the same reasons, claims 75-77 are patentable over the cited references.

Likewise, ^{A-14}~~new~~ claim 78 recites in substance the same elements of claim 63, 67 or 71, accordingly for at least the discussed reasons, claim 78 is patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit claims 63-78 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393. A Fee Transmittal is enclosed in duplicate for fee processing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
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